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Gilles Street PS Newsletter

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Diary Dates

Mon 24 July

Pupil Free Day

Tue 25 July

TERM 3 commences

Tuesday 1 August

ICAS - English
(registered students)

Friday 4 August

Whole School Assembly

Monday 14 August

School Council

Friday 18 August

Whole School Assembly
Circle of Friends

Friday 1 September

School Closure Day

Friday 22 September

Sports Day

Wednesday 27 September

School Photos

July 7, 2017

From the Principal

As you may already be aware, I will be leaving Gilles Street Primary School and taking up the position as Principal of Linden Park Primary School .

I have absolutely loved my time here and have learnt so much from the entire community. I have particularly appreciated the really strong sense of social justice and common good that permeates throughout the school. I think Gilles Street is very special and I have witnessed countless examples where the students' sense of respect, compassion for others and appreciation of diversity are core values and are aspects that live and breathe in our community every day. I will miss being part of such a unique community.

I have had the pleasure of working with very talented and committed educators who work very hard for the benefits of our students and the entire community. I appreciate all of their work and am amazed by the efforts they put in every day.

Every successful school has a strong and connected community and I would like to acknowledge the support of our parents and families.

I will certainly miss the wonderful group of students. It is a real honour to be part of their lives and I wish them all the very best for their future.

I will always look back fondly at such a wonderful school and the amazing experiences we have shared.

In other news, we have a number of staff taking leave in Term 3. Angela, Vivian, Erin, Daphne and Val all have time off during the term. We wish them safe travels and look forward to the stories they share on their return. Congratulations to Amy, who will be on maternity leave from mid-Term 3.

Term 3 is also a very busy school term. Please be reminded we have a Pupil Free Day on Monday, 24 July and a school closure day on Friday, 1st September, for the Royal Adelaide Show. Sports Day will be later in the term and has been scheduled for Friday, 22 September. We also have a number of groups (Senior Voices and Taiko drummers) in final preparations for the Festival of Music in September.

If you get time in the holidays, make your way to Gawler Place or Victoria Square for our Umbrella display (we believe on display the final weekend of the holidays). Keep an eye on Flexibuzz during the holidays as we will let you know as soon as the dates are confirmed.

As always have a safe and enjoyable break.

Deb O'Neill



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Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

This term the eco committee (Lila and Francesca) have introduced an improved recycling system. This consists of **NO WRAPPERS WEDNESDAY, A CAMPAIGN AGAINST YOGURT SQUEEZIES** and **NEW RE-CYCLING SYSTEMS IN THE YARD**. We are asking all families to try to downsize the amount of landfill that is put in your child's lunch box.

We have started an idea where on Wednesdays no child brings landfill to school, this is called **NO WRAPPERS WEDNESDAY**.

YOGURT SQUEEZIES are extremely bad for the environment: in one yogurt squeezeie you only get less than half of it out, it is at least 3x more expensive than buying a big yogurt tub and dividing it up (one serve from a big tub is about 30c and a squeezeie is at least \$1) and read the ingredients and see how many chemicals you see!

So, we have started **A CAMPAIGN AGAINST YOGURT SQUEEZIES**.

On the bright side we have got some new 10c container bins and food waste bins for the yard to help reduce our landfill contribution.

We would appreciate the assistance of parents and students to achieve a landfill free school.

SO LET'S REDUCE LANDFILL TOGETHER!

Lila and Francesca



Friendship Week

Miss Mary's IELC class made new friends with Miss Evana's mainstream class during friendship week. They went to the Himeji Gardens first and then to Marshmallow Park for a play.



Meeting the Birds!

J: Jasmine C: Claudia L: Lili

Last Thursday Jasmine, Lili and Claudia went to Netball, but they were greeted by ... Chelsea Pitman and Hannah Petty (Wing Attack and Centre for the Adelaide Thunderbirds)!

J: I ran into Chelsea Pitman and it was amazing.

C: It was awesome seeing and meeting Chelsea Pitman and Hannah Petty.

L: I was so in shock. Chelsea Pitman is so nice.



Material and Service Charges

All Material and Service charges are now overdue. If you have not already paid these please do so as soon as possible or make a time to discuss arrangements with the Finance Officer.

JP Student Voice (SRC)

The JP SRC have been continuing to work on a project to create a brick car track to race cars on at play time. They have drawn designs, discussed process and materials needed and tested possible sites for the track in the yard. The initial suggestions were for under the tree near the front of school or under the tree near the rocks. They quickly discovered the tree roots prevented digging and so we found an alternative site in the dirt near the back gate entrance on the sandpit side. The group is currently working on the logistics of digging and setting the track. The aim is to hopefully finish by the end of term, if not then by end of week 5 next term when Amy is going on maternity leave!

Winter Road Safety Message

Generally, stopping distances in the wet are likely to be at least double the distance of that on a dry road, so things such as reducing speed, braking gently, increasing following distance and tread depth on tyres can be critical. Worn tyres are one of the most common vehicle defects in South Australia. Another issue in wet weather is fog on the inside of your windscreen. When this happens, use your air-conditioner – it works with either hot or cold air and dries the air, which clears your windscreen far more quickly. Just like you, other parents don't want to get wet either and there can be quite some congestion around the drop-off



Remember the rules even when it's wet

Wet days mean more traffic, hazardous driving conditions – and **less visibility!** Use your **lights when driving**, bring an **umbrella**, obey **traffic signs**, and be prepared to **walk further than usual** to drop off and collect your child.

ROAD SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS BEGINS WITH YOU!

Ayers House Museum Family Days: Analogue Fun for Families



You will find a warm welcome for families all throughout the July School Holidays. Come in from the cold and explore Adelaide's finest Victorian era mansion. Conveniently located on North Terrace, Ayers House is the perfect place to enjoy some old fashioned analogue fun. Explore the house at your leisure and choose from a variety of self-guided activities.

- Dressing up
- Sewing
- Chess
- Dominoes
- Dough rolling
- Card making
- Copperplate writing
- Jigsaw puzzles
- Photography
- Jelly molding

Dates: Each day of the school holidays except for Mondays

Times: 10am-3pm

Cost: Adults and children \$5 each

Address: 288 North Terrace Adelaide

Contact: 8223 1234

Bookings: Not required

Public Transport: Ayers House Museum is easily accessible by public transport



Pennies & Pounds: Make Your Own Coin Purse



Who doesn't like coins? Come to Ayers House Museum and choose 6 coins from our coin collection. Step into our kitchen and mix up some coin polish. Shine your coins and then stitch your own coin bag. You might like to do some coin rubbings too and don't leave before you check out some of the oldest purses in Adelaide. Leave with your hand made purse and some shiny coins.

Ages: 6-14

Cost: \$15 per child, accompanying adult free. *Please note children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.*

Times: 10:30-12pm

Date: Wednesday July 12th

Location: Ayers House Museum, 288 North Terrace Adelaide

Booking link: <https://www.trybookings.com/OSMIL>

Booking contact: 8223 1234

